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Further budget blow for borough

Bigger than expected cut in Government support makes balancing the books even more difficult for councillors

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WEYMOUTH and Portland is facing a triple financial "whammy" as it struggles to draw up its budget for 2013-2014.

Councillors must somehow reconcile a huge harbour repair bill and future maintenance programme, decisions on whether to retain or demolish the Pavilion and drastically slashed Government grants with the need to keep essential services going.

The latest budget blow came with the news that an expected £400,000 reduction in Central Government grants was far worse. The authority will receive less than £4 million, a crippling cut of more than £533,000 on what the council received in the current financial year.

Weymouth and Portland finance spokesman Councillor Peter Chapman said: "To put that harsher cut in perspective, the extra £130,000 being withheld by Government is the equivalent of our costs to keep the Tourist Information Centre going for an entire year.

BACKS TO THE WALL TIME: Councillor Peter Chapman

"It means that we are now facing the worst financial crisis in my time on the council.

"It is the big three really – this cut in Government grant, the need to not just repair the harbour now but also budget for its future maintenance and, of course, the massive decision over whether or not we should keep the Pavilion or demolish it for a car park in the short term. Longer term plans might involve a larger ferry terminal and a complex with luxury apartments, shops and perhaps a theatre.

"Any half intelligent person can see that the extra cut in Government grant has removed any scope the council had for manoeuvre.

"It is backs to the wall time now and we have some very hard decision to make in three weeks time at the full council budget meeting."

He added that those decisions could include reducing the town's CCTV coverage, closing the Pavilion and the Tourist Information Centre and selling the Guildhall and the council offices with staff moving to other sites in Weymouth and Dorchester.

Mr Chapman said: "It doesn't stop there because we must also consider the next stage of efficiency savings in the Weymouth, Portland and West Dorset partnership.

"These will be aimed at senior management including director level and below which could save each council £250,000 annually."

He added that the crunch February 21st full council meeting will look at a £50 million budget including £30 million housing benefit from the Government and £10 million in fixed costs.

He said: "That leaves us to debate £10 million in flexible spending such as parks and gardens, housing advice and all the sensitive issues such as the Pavilion.

"Because such decisions are so difficult we set up on my initiative an all-party budget working group whose recommendations will be a key aspect of the February 21st meeting.

"What we don't want to do is fix the problem this year and then have to fix it again in 2014.

"We want to take a long term approach to define what the council will look like and be capable of delivering in 2019-2020 so we have as stable a level of service delivery as possible."

The consultation period for local people and organisations to have their say on budget proposals is over and results will be reported to councillors who will debate the budget at management committee – held specially in the Guildhall on February 5th – and at full council.

Mr Chapman thanked everyone who completed a questionnaire and said: "The results will help inform councillors' decisions."

'Think outside the box' says former mayor

STRONG criticism has been levelled at several controversial ideas for helping Weymouth and Portland balance its 2013-2014 budget.

Former Mayor Graham Winter told a full council meeting at the Guildhall that it was "a disgrace" to consider selling off the building they were all sitting in.

He urged councillors to "think outside the box" and said there were "endless possibilities" for the Guildhall including using it for council front offices, for Weymouth Museum or for the Mayor's Parlour.

Mr Winter said it would be "difficult" on the Mayor if the Mayor's chauffeur was sacked – another possible budget measure – and the borough's leading citizen forced to get about on their own.

He urged officers to look towards creating income not selling off assets and said: "We are not a tin pot town. We are a borough. Let's build it up."

Alderman Jess Nagel said the mayor could not function without a chauffeur because he was also the Mayor's officer, mace bearer and right hand man.

She added that current incumbent, Nigel Le Sueur, was "a credit to this council".

Final decisions on the council's budget will be

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PAUL EVERALL was born and brought up in a small village in Shropshire. After gaining a first class honours degree at Cambridge University he moved to Berkshire where he lived for more than 40 years, meeting his wife Caroline and having three daughters, Naomi, Abigail and Chloe.

After nearly four decades in the civil service – where he became responsible for reforming building regulations – he moved to Bridport in the summer of 2008.

He is currently chief executive of Local Authority Building Control (LABC) and – since spring 2012 – independent chair of the West Dorset Partnership.

In 2005 Paul was awarded a CBE for services to the construction industry.

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■ WHAT did 40 years as a civil servant teach you?
That a great deal of hard work needs to go into the detail of implementing great political objectives through Acts of Parliament and subsequent regulations, and that, provided government ministers have a sense of humour, the job is a privilege to have.

■ WHAT is the West Dorset Partnership?
The Partnership brings together five local area partnerships in West Dorset with representatives of local authorities, community organisations and the police and fire services. It aims to deliver an agreed community plan. By sharing information and good practice, we believe we can make a real difference for people in the area.

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We represent all of the people who work in building control in some 320 local authorities in England and Wales. It is impractical for the Government and bodies in the construction industry to consult and negotiate with local authorities individually, and so professional bodies like ours – a specialist parallel to the Local Government Association – exist to be the conduit through which ideas and actions flow.

■ CLIMATE CHANGE: inevitable fate? Or a problem worth tackling now?
I am convinced that climate change is already happening, as evidenced by the extreme weather events we have experienced in Dorset over the last year. And it is certainly essential that we try and mitigate the effects now. I represent LABC on a number of bodies such as the Green Construction Board, the Zero Carbon Hub and the Government's Green Deal Advisory Forum where we debate ways in which appropriate action might be taken.

■ LOCAL authority resources are being cut, the public want services to be maintained. Is this possible?
It is certainly challenging, but, as these resources diminish, valuable community services can only be maintained and improved through the dedicated work of volunteers and the organisations to which they belong.

■ WHAT did being awarded a CBE mean to you?
To have this recognition after nearly 40 years working as a civil servant in a variety of different roles was the icing on the cake of a very rewarding career. I count myself very fortunate, and of course thanks are due to the many excellent people with whom I have worked.

■ WHAT brought you to Bridport?
When our three daughters were growing up we always tried to have a week's holiday each Easter in different places in England. We visited Dorset several times and always enjoyed it. In addition my wife's mother used to have a caravan at Durdle Door and so got to know that part of Dorset really well. When my wife retired from teaching we debated where we wanted to move, and decided on Dorset. And Bridport with its street market and cultural activities and being only two miles from the sea seemed the perfect spot. We have not been disappointed!

■ WHAT is your earliest memory?
Pulling the cat's tail which upset my pram. I remember being very cross!

■ WHO is your greatest hero?
Mike Brearley [first class cricketer who captained Cambridge University, Middlesex and England] – for his leadership qualities in the face of criticism and adversity.

■ WHAT keeps you awake at night?
Very little – but sometimes an awareness of something I should have done that day, but didn't.

■ WHAT is the last book you read?
Since my wife bought me a Kindle last year I have been meandering through the complete works of Thomas Hardy. Most recently I finished reading The Woodlanders.

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New transport measures working better than expected says county

. . . although not all residents agree

NEW junction improvements in Weymouth have done better than expected, claims a one-year review of the Weymouth Transport Package.

Dorset County Council carried out a review of the £9.3 million scheme so it could report back to the Department for Transport which largely funded the project.

The report reviews the scheme in operation against the objectives laid out in the business case for the project.

Objectives so far achieved include improving journey times for all traffic, journey time reliability for all traffic, air quality and pedestrian safety.

The review adds that there has been a 26 per cent reduction in the average journey time per mile through the King Street-Boot Hill corridor and a 28 per cent improvement in journey time reliability.

The report takes into consideration that these figures are, in part, due to three per cent less traffic than predicted travelling through the corridor.

The county council claims reduced traffic may be due in part to the re-routing of traffic on to Lanehouse Rocks Road -- where improvements also took place -- the opening of the Weymouth Relief Road and because of the economic downturn.

But some people feel it may also be due to drivers shunning the area, many motorists having told the ***View*** that they are so wary of the new system's key junction at Boot Hill that they avoid it altogether.

One driver said: "I'm amazed that the county council is trying to claim that Weymouth's new transport system has improved matters. Before traffic lights were brought in there were some delays, particularly during the summer, but now you are delayed waiting at lights for every single journey you make."

Cabinet highways and transportation spokesman Councillor Peter Finney said: "We can't be complacent as the scheme is still in its infancy and traffic patterns and demands are continually changing, but this is a very promising first year report.

"The data collected clearly shows that the scheme has improved journey times and their reliability, but we will continue to monitor the scheme to ensure it carries on working efficiently."

The review also notes that some scheme objectives have yet to be achieved and these include improving bus punctuality and reliability, bus quality by reducing the average age of the bus fleet and bus-rail interchange.

Resident satisfaction of the bus quality and overall service provided was lower than the target set, but people were very satisfied with the newly improved bus stops and raised kerbs.

Mr Finney said: "Achieving the public transport objectives is very much dependent on the private sector and we can't move forward with the passenger transport element until bus companies provide the promised investment.

"I am hopeful that over the coming months we will be able to improve bus punctuality when we turn on the bus priority system at the new junctions.

"The transport package has largely delivered what it set out to and we hope to see further improvement as the system matures."

A two-year-after report will be produced in 2013-2014 to review these preliminary findings.

Man injured in petrol station attack

TWO men have been arrested after a man was left with facial injuries following an attack outside a petrol station in Weymouth.

The 23-year-old was assaulted opposite the Esso Service Station in King Street at about 8.10pm on January 21st and the incident followed a large disturbance nearby involving several people, said police.

PC Colin Bell of Weymouth Police, said: "I am appealing for witnesses to come forward and assist with this investigation.

"I am keen to speak to anyone who may have witnessed this disturbance take place or who has knowledge of those involved.

"Witnesses and anyone with information are asked to contact police as soon as possible in the strictest confidence."

He added that two 22-year-old men, one from Weymouth and the other of no fixed abode, have been arrested and released on bail while inquiries continue.

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101 quoting incident number 21:425 or call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.

Lifeboat rescue

WEYMOUTH inshore lifeboat joined Wyke Regis Coastguard Rescue Team after police asked them to help with an attempted suicide at the Weymouth Pleasure Pier at 4am on January 26th.

Press officer Ken Francis said that when the lifeboat crew arrived at the pier they were confronted with an aggressive man who said he intended to commit suicide.

The crew with Karl Sargent at the helm decided to back off into the harbour to allow a police negotiator to talk to the man.

After a short time he threw himself off one of the beams under the pier into the freezing water at which point coastguards called the inshore lifeboat back from the harbour to rescue the man.

He was lifted from the water by the lifeboat crew a short distance from the harbour entrance after having been in the harbour for a minute or two.

He was passed to the coastguard team on the steps of the pleasure pier who in turn handed him over to police.

Karl Sargent said: "It was a timely call by the coastguard team to call the lifeboat back as the water was extremely cold and there was a real chance of him becoming hypothalamic as he drifted out of the harbour."

Residents get the chance to say what is important

FOUR key themes were at the core of a major community get-together in Weymouth.

The event at the Park Community Centre brought residents face to face with agencies such as NHS Dorset, Union Learn, Dorset County Council, Dorset Community Action and Dorset Police.

The aim was to focus on the Melcombe Regis community from the town centre to Lodmoor, Greenhill and the Park district so residents could highlight issues they felt were important.

Among themes were community safety, the local environment, leisure and health and wellbeing.

Community development worker Julie Hursthouse organised the event and said that the whole aim was to ensure that community views were at the heart of the way agencies operated everywhere.

She added: "This workshop was not about agencies telling residents what they could do but about agencies asking residents what they wanted and how they wanted it done.

"We talked about everything from drains, activities for the elderly and dog mess to feeling safe after dark, graffiti and rubbish. These were all common themes raised by residents as being of importance to them personally.

"All the agencies will now collate information from the event to come up with a priority action list which will both reflect what people want and how agencies will try and tackle the issues raised."

Up to 200 residents attended the event with more than 50 arriving in the first ten minutes.

They put their views forward with ticks or dots on sheets of paper covering every possible subject before taking a break to enjoy free food provided by the Portland Friendly Food Club.

Park district resident Ken Whatley said: "An event such as this is very important and I hope the agencies listen to what people said.

"Residents welcomed a chance to put their views forward but also a chance to get involved because it is their community and their chance to get active.

"We need to stop talking about problems and get on with solving them."

■ **YOUR AREA, YOUR SAY. Julie Hurstouse and Ken Whatley at the community get-together**

The show must go on at the Pavilion

WEYMOUTH and Portland council says it will make every effort to ensure two key events can take place at Weymouth Pavilion this spring.

Councillors are due to decide the future of the Pavilion complex as part of a far-reaching review of budgets at a full council meeting on February 21st.

In the meantime, the authority has moved to provide reassurance to the organisers of the WOW musical theatre group show Miss Saigon from April 3rd-6th and That'll be the Day on May 25th.

Weymouth and Portland tourism and culture spokesman Councillor Ian Bruce said: "I am delighted that the council is now planning to allow events already booked at the Pavilion until the end of May to take place.

"Whatever the decision of councillors considering the budget in February, it is important that our customers, plus those organising and taking part in these shows, had this reassurance."

The council has recently consulted businesses and residents on proposals to reduce non-essential services. It needs to be spending at least £3.9 million a year less by 2019/20.

Mr Bruce said: "The future of the Pavilion financing is a vital issue to be resolved, but allowing bookings up to at least the end of May both ensures these events and things like the Mayor Making and counting of votes for the county council elections can take place without any additional costs to local tax payers."

Councillors will next debate the 2013-2014 budget at management committee on February 5th with the budget being set at full council on February 21st.

'Difficult decisions' says mayor

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made first at a management committee on February 5th and then at full council on February 21st.

Weymouth and Portland Mayor Councillor Margaret Leicester said all measures from dumping the Pavilion to selling off the council offices and the Guildhall were all "only suggestions" at this stage.

She added: "The public want services retained. Do you want the Pavilion or do you want your rubbish collected?"

She urged residents to "have a bit of sympathy for us this year" because councillors would have to make some difficult decisions in 2013 and again next year and the year after.

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New chief constable chosen

THE POLICE and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill and a selection panel have selected Debbie Simpson as the next Chief Constable of Dorset Police.

Ms Simpson is currently Acting Chief Constable with the force.

Her selection will now be considered at a Confirmation Hearing by the Police and Crime Panel on Thursday, February 7th at County Hall, Dorchester.

Speaking after the announcement, Mr Underhill said: "I am delighted to propose Debbie Simpson as the next Chief Constable of Dorset".

"This was a unanimous decision by the panel. There was a strong range of candidates and the panel had a difficult job. I would like to thank all the candidates for their interest".

Ms Simpson was chosen following two days of intensive selection which involved formal interviews and rigorous tests. During the procedure the candidates were also questioned by representatives of several partner agencies and staff associations.

DORSET Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill with the newly selected Chief Constable Debbie Simpson

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Train fire chaos

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COMMUTER chaos hit Weymouth when a train caught fire at Upwey and trains to and from Dorchester had to be suspended.

Scores of passengers arrived at Weymouth Railway Station to be told there were no morning rush hour services because of the incident which was being dealt with by rail staff and Dorset Fire and Rescue Service.

Travellers faced a choice between joining the next train due to leave the station when the track was clear or driving to Dorchester South station and trying to catch a train there where services were effectively being turned round for trips back to Bournemouth and London Waterloo.

One student desperate to get to Bournemouth for an exam told the View: "What can I do? There are no trains out of Weymouth at the moment, so I'm going by road to Dorchester to try and catch a train there to get to my exam.

"There is an 8.20am train from Dorchester to Bournemouth which will get me to the exam ten minutes before it starts. It's pretty stressful and not the preparation I wanted."

Railway staff at Weymouth did all they could to keep commuters informed, but the line problems continued for more than three hours with a bus service brought in between Dorchester South and Weymouth.

The problem emerged when a 999 call was made reporting smoke coming from the underside of one of the passenger carriages of the train.

Two crews from Weymouth attended Upwey rail station, Weymouth, just after 6am last Thursday (jan24).

About 20 passengers in all were evacuated from the train while firefighters and railway staff dealt with the incident. Railway staff had used extinguishers on the fire before the arrival of fire crews.

The train was removed from the platform area while crews and rail staff investigated what had happened.

Commuters remained stuck at Weymouth even after power had been restored because trains were not being allowed to run until the track had been checked.

South West Trains tried to find alternative transport for those passengers affected by the incident which was over by just after 9am and apologised to passengers for any inconvenience.

Academy scoops green marine award

WEYMOUTH and Portland National Sailing Academy has won an important marine industry award commending the sports venue's continued commitment to environmentally aware practices.

The Boating Business Environment Award was presented at the BB-Marine Trades Association dinner to Mike Scott from leading lawyers, Charles Russell - a major sponsor of the academy.

The award marked the importance of the WPNSA's sustainable event management work.

As well as hosting the Olympic Games last summer, the academy worked tirelessly to ensure they were the first UK sailing venue to meet the British Standards Institute for sustainable event management.

Mr Scott Partner said he was delighted to receive the trophy on behalf of the academy.

■ MIKE Scott from Charles Russell LLP receives the boating business Environment Award won by the WPNSA

Drop in meeting to find out all about the BID

BUSINESSES are being invited along to a meeting tomorrow (Friday) where they will be able to have their say and ask questions about the proposed Weymouth Business Improvement District.

The drop-in event, which is at the William Henry pub in Frederick Place, will run from 3pm-7pm and be hosted by the Weymouth BID Steering Group. Drinks and light refreshments will be provided.

The Weymouth BID is being driven by a team of local businesses which actively support the BID and provide their time and experience to help campaign for a Yes vote.

Good progress is being made and in December 542 businesses in the BID area were sent the draft project plans booklet and a further explanation of the Weymouth BID process.

The Group says that all businesses in the area with a rateable value above £6,000 will have the opportunity to help restore Weymouth's prosperity in the face of economic crisis and the growing competition from surrounding towns and resorts.

Weymouth BID chairman Nigel Reed said: "A "yes" vote would generate at least £250,000 a year for five years at a time when public funds are reducing.

"Recently, members of the Steering Group met with managers of the Bournemouth BIDs. One of the BIDs focuses on the promotion of the Town Centre while the Coastal BID concentrates on Coastal Tourism. Both of the Bournemouth BIDs have successfully moved from a pre-BID status to a successful "yes" vote.

"The three groups discussed some useful ways of promoting a "yes" vote, the ballot process and dealing with the early stages of gaining a "yes" vote.

"In addition, we looked at some of the projects that the Bournemouth BIDs have in place such as the Bournemouth Rangers, how they were trained and how the Rangers support the BID.

"In Weymouth we are hoping to introduce Weyfarers. Gregg Dunnett of the Bournemouth Town Centre BID and Alun Williams of the Bournemouth Coastal BID gave useful insights on the areas that the Weymouth BID should concentrate on."

First school in Dorset to become primary academy

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CHICKERELL Primary School has become the first in Dorset to choose to become a stand alone Primary Academy.

Principal Jody Harris said the decision had been a collective one by governors who wanted to continue the gains made in the school over the past two years.

She added: "It will give us autonomy. We can now design a curriculum to suit our children's needs and our children's passions.

"One of the biggest focuses will be on outdoor learning, being outside, being far more aware of our surroundings and what we take from that back to the classroom.

"We already have a pair of nesting herons. We have a bat box set up and caterpillar homes which we can involve the children with.

"We have started after school clubs in bugs which are two of the most heavily oversubscribed clubs in the school.

"This plus our full focus on education will give our pupils a far greater appreciation of their environment and show them that learning is not just confined to classrooms but wherever we are."

More pupils

She added that Chickerell has 364 pupils and it has been working with Dorset County Council to improve its buildings so they can accommodate more pupils in the face of proposals to build hundreds of new homes nearby.

She said: "We are aware that our school buildings have limited expansion and that the Local Plan has space for a new school. We just don't know yet whether that school will be Chickerell.

"The irony is that if Chickerell is chosen then the new school would automatically be an Academy.

"If Chickerell is chosen as the new school then it might possibly see the nursery and first three years on our existing site with the next four years of pupils on the new site, but this is highly unlikely to happen and certainly not in the next ten years.

"In any case, this community wants Chickerell Primary Academy to remain on this site and I would like to thank it for supporting us because this is potentially a period of extensive change.

"We have been a village school for a very considerable time and the community have always been supportive."

■ PRINCIPAL Jody Harris

Sea Life Tower hands over first cheque for £830

■ CHEQUE MATES: Tower marketing manager Raquel Cubillo presents the cheque to James Weld

DORSET'S Jurassic Coast has received its first funding donation from the profits of Weymouth's new Sea Life Tower.

Tower operator Merlin Entertainments pledged ten per cent of all Tower guide-book proceeds to the country's only natural World Heritage site.

Jurassic Coast chairman James Weld ascended the resort's lofty landmark to receive a cheque for more than £800 from Tower marketing manager Raquel Cubillo.

The cash will go to the Jurassic Coast Trust, to support education and conservation work.

Tower general manager Craig Dunkerley said: "Key facts about the Jurassic Coast and some significant landmarks form a key part of the commentary for our visitors.

"We hope our regular donations will help more schools to visit and learn about the Jurassic Coast, and perhaps help improve visitor facilities like those at Chesil Beach."

Mr Weld said: "It is wonderful for businesses such as the Sea Life Tower to get involved with the Jurassic Coast and their efforts are very much appreciated.

"Every little bit helps because we do many small projects with children which helps them to get to the coast, so this donation from the Tower will help that educational initiative."

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Media students get a taste of the real thing

BBC1 Question Time is broadcast from Weymouth College

MEDIA and performing arts students got a taste of national television when the popular BBC programme, Question Time, came to Weymouth College's Bay Theatre.

They were welcomed on to the set by the director who briefed them on the show and gave them a tour of the production suite.

The highlight for five lucky media students was when they were invited to act as the panellists, answering questions from David Dimbleby himself, to test the equipment.

Performing arts students were given the opportunity to interview the Question Time make-up artist Debra Hargreaves, as part of one of their modules for their first year foundation degree at the college.

Chris Corben, a performing arts student said interviewing Debra was "a great experience to learn from someone in the industry".

Taking questions from the audience were panellists who included Private Eye Editor Ian Hislop, Conservative Health Minister Anna Soubry MP, former Labour Culture Secretary Ben Bradshaw MP, former Liberal Democrat leader Ming Campbell MP and journalist Angela Epstein.

Catering and hospitality students were then on hand to cook and serve dinner to the panellists after the show with Ben Bradshaw tweeting: "Thanks to catering students at Weymouth College for the best meal I've had for a long time."

Media student Ryan Asman said: "Getting to speak to professionals was a fantastic opportunity. It was really useful to see how everything is applied in the real world."

The event was a great success and aired on BBC 1 on the same night at 10:35pm.

College enterprise and employability vice-principal Rob Jones said: "It was a fantastic day.

"The BBC crew worked closely with our media students, giving them valuable insight into the different roles and skills required to deliver a high-pressure programme.

"Our performing arts students shadowed the BBC make-up artist and our catering and hospitality students had the chance to prepare and serve an amazing meal for the celebrity panel."

■ IN THE HOT SEAT: Weymouth College media students get to answer questions from David Dimbleby during a sound check for Question Time

■ THE REAL THING: Members of the Question Time panel Ian Hislop, Ming Campbell, Anna Soubry, David Dimbleby and Ben Bradshaw

Simpler system of bus passes?

DORSET County Council will be taking over responsibility for bus pass applications from district and borough councils from April 1st.

The new centralised service will provide a more consistent service across the county council area and give better value for money for tax payers.

Residents applying for an older persons or disabled persons bus pass for the first time will now be able to apply by phone, by downloading an application form online or by collecting an application form from their district or borough council or from their local library.

Residents needing to renew their pass will be invited to reapply or automatically sent replacements through the post.

Anyone who has moved since their current pass was issued should contact their local district or borough council to update their address details before the end of February.

Dorset County Council concessionary fare applications will be processed by Euclid Ltd, a Hampshire-based company specialising in producing and issuing ID cards.

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Lifeboat crew spend 3,000 hours at sea during Olympic year

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WEYMOUTH RNLI volunteers spent more time at sea than any other crew according to national figures for 2012.

They were out 2,981 hours, something the RNLI said was probably due to the increased need for search and rescue cover to ensure the safety of visitors in the area during the Olympics.

Weymouth lifeboat station volunteers launched 86 times and rescued 88 people in 2012 with 41 of the call outs coming in the dark and six in winds above Force Seven. The station was the third busiest station in the south west behind Poole and Plymouth.

In all RNLI lifeboats across the south west were launched 81 fewer times than in 2011 but the charity's volunteer crews rescued 1,609 people, 38 more than in the previous year. RNLI lifeguards assisted 11,670 people, down by nearly 2,000 on 2011.

Commitment

RNLI regional operations manager Andy Hurley praised Weymouth and said: "The figures illustrate just how dedicated our volunteer crews and our lifeguards are, giving a huge amount of time to saving lives at sea and I thank them and their families for their continuing commitment.

"Call outs to sailing and power boats with machinery failure are still our core business in the south west, but I'm delighted to say the numbers are down which I hope means our prevention messages are getting through to people before they go onto the water.

"However we have seen a rise in the number of fishing boats needing our assistance and in rescues of people ashore, that's folk who are perhaps injured, trapped or cut off by the tide around the sea shore and cliffs.

"2012 has once again proved the value of the RNLI volunteer lifeboat crews, lifeguards and Flood Rescue Teams.

"I would also like to thank all those who support our charity because their donations ensure our teams have the best training

■ ALL CHANGE: Outgoing lifeboat chairman Michael Gill (left) welcomes his successor, Tony Beeson

New chairman for Lifeboat group

WEYMOUTH Lifeboat management group has a new chairman.

Michael Gill, who has been the chairman of the group at the lifeboat station for seven years, is standing down and will be succeeded by long time RNLI supporter Tony Beeson.

Michael said that he had loved every minute of his time with the group and working with the lifeboat crew and all the fundraisers at the station.

He added: "We have been incredibly well supported by the local community which has enabled us to raise an amazing £78,000 in the last year.

"I am pleased to pass the baton on to Tony who I know will do a terrific job. I will still be involved from time to time in the fundraising for Weymouth lifeboat station."

Mr Beeson has been involved in fundraising for Weymouth lifeboat station for more than 30 years, having been chairman of fundraising for a couple of years some time ago.

He said that he was pleased to take over the chairmanship of the group and was looking forward to the challenges that lay ahead.

He added that he hoped to move forward and build on what Mr Gill had achieved in the past few years and, with the support of the local community, continue to raise funds for the RNLI, a charity that he has supported for so long.

Road works delayed by weather

WORK to install a crossing point on Cumberland Drive in Weymouth has been hit by the recent cold weather.

The road closure between the Cumberland Drive junction with Chickerell Road and access to the Land Registry will now last until the end of Friday February 8th, one week longer than planned.The temperature has been far too cold to lay concrete or "black-top" and so has added a week on to the original closur. Businesses remain open as usual with drivers needing to access the Granby Industrial Estate from Chickerell Link Road.

The toucan crossing being installed on Cumberland Drive is part of the Marsh Route shared use footpath and cycleway which links Newstead Road with Chickerell Link Road.

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■ EXPLORERS: The Shackleton Epic crew pictured on Elephant Island before dpearture

Islanders rally round to complete lifeboat for epic expedition

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A LIFEBOAT being used in an historic expedition was completed thanks to a massive effort by the Portland community has officially set sail in Antarctica.

Islanders rallied round when Petty Officer Seb Coulthard injured his hand and the whole project to create the 22.5ft whaler Alexandra Shackleton, an exact replica of the James Caird lifeboat, was put at risk.

They helped complete the lifeboat for the Shackleton Epic expedition which has now set sail from Elephant Island bound for South Georgia 800 nautical miles away.

PO Coulthard is now a member of the six-strong crew led by polar adventurer Tim Jarvis which is making the incredible voyage to replicate that made nearly 100 years ago by Ernest Shackleton on board the James Caird lifeboat.

If the six complete the gruelling 800-mile crossing then three men will traverse the interior of South Georgia in an attempt to reach the abandoned whaling station of Stromness where Shackleton raised the alarm during the ill-fated Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1914-17. This journey is often cited as one of the greatest rescue missions in the history of exploration.

The modern expedition set off in unusually moderate winds and a half-metre swell to slowly clear the coast and looming pack ice to the east.

It is their goal to become the first to authentically recreate one of the greatest survival journeys in history.

Jarvis said: "I hope this expedition not only does Shackleton's memory justice but also reminds us all of how incredibly beautiful, yet fragile, this part of the world is. Hopefully, if we succeed, we'll be able to shine another light on the changing Antarctic environment.

"I'm doing this expedition to test the more resourceful side of myself, to honour the memory of Sir Ernest Shackleton by undertaking this most challenging of journeys and to draw attention to the effects of climate change on Antarctica and ultimately, the planet."

Shackleton Epic's patron, The Hon. Alexandra Shackleton, Sir Ernest's granddaughter who originally approached Jarvis about recreating the journey, sent her good wishes and said"The Expedition will be incredibly demanding both at sea and on land, but I have every confidence that the men will remember my grandfather's words, *'difficulties are just things to overcome'*."

Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard also wished the expedition well and said: "I trust you will re-capture some of Shackleton's ethos as well and thus return uplifted in spirit and full of renewed admiration for this remarkable man and what he was able to achieve in the name of science and humanity."

During the expedition, a 75' yacht, *Australis*, will act as the support vessel providing a communications, safety and filming platform for Shackleton Epic. Depending on weather conditions in the Southern Ocean, it is estimated that the Alexandra Shackleton will reach South Georgia within 16 days, the same time the *James Caird* took to cross this infamous stretch of ocean. Once there, the crew will climb over South Georgia's mountainous, crevassed interior hoping to reach the old whaling station at Stromness, before paying their respects to "the boss" at Shackleton's grave at Grytviken.

Chance to sample the evacuee experience

WEYMOUTH'S Nothe Fort attraction is preparing to host special family days for its popular Evacuee Experience during the February half term.

Events will be held on Monday February 18th and Wednesday February 20th from 10am-3pm at £7 per ticket including a hot wartime lunch.

This activity is normally only available for school and community groups but on this occasion it is open to all.

The Fort offers great educational value and fun. People can experience a 1940s school room supervised by a very strict headmaster complete with cane, air raid shelter drill, a Weymouth at War exhibition, Mr Arkwright's shop and rationing and Mrs Mop doing the washing at home.

This is a "hands on" experience so visitors are asked to come dressed for the part and not to forget their gas mask!

Attendance is by ticket only and numbers will be restricted to manageable levels, so people are advised to book early to guarantee their place on one of the two designated days. Booking will open for the Friday if sufficient inquiries are made and providing that tickets are already sold for the other two days.

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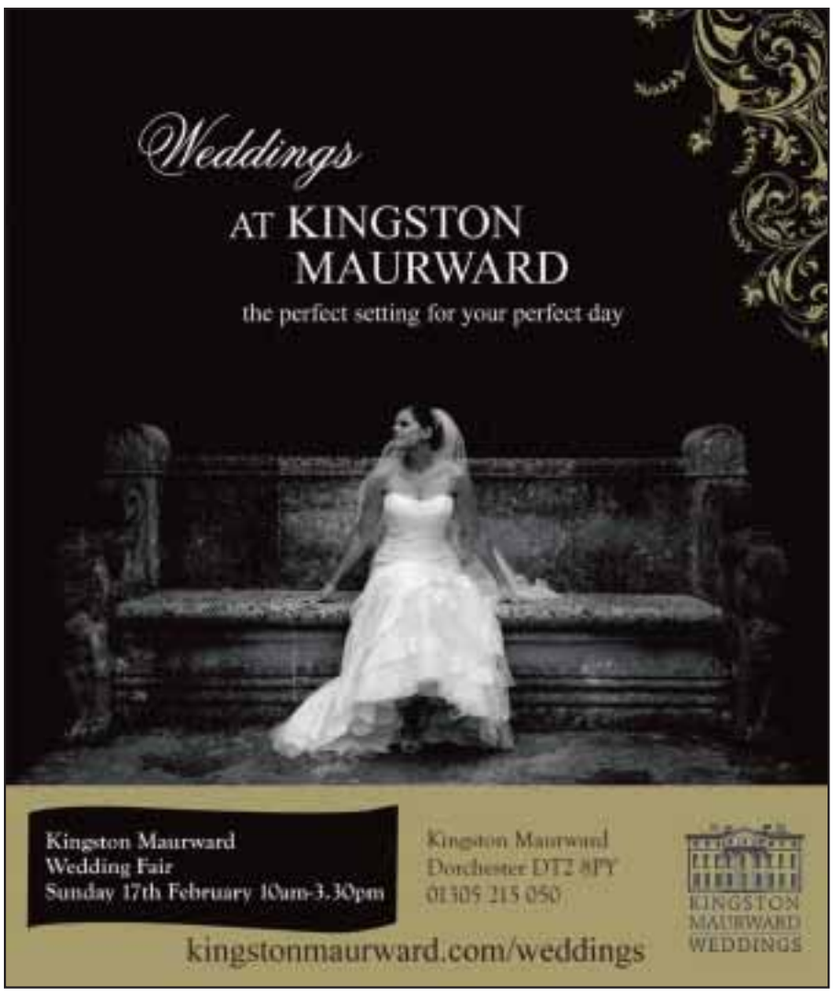

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The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...
by Geoff Treleaven

A little knowledge

AN ELECTRICIAN told me about a time when he received an electric shock. The apparatus he was servicing was switched off but due to faulty wiring was still live. Fortunately, a colleague was present because when he touched a part, he could not let go.

A neighbour, having problems with her Hoover cleaner, asked me to look at it. One of the things I checked was the wiring to the plug. It was dangerously wrong. Whilst the cleaner had worked, it could still have been live and lethal when switched off. I put it right, but on a subsequent occasion I found the wiring had been reversed. Someone with a little knowledge had made the cleaner unsafe again.

There are many situations where a wrong action or inaction due to incorrect understanding is fraught with danger. This is also true where there is little knowledge about the Christian faith.

A lady I knew always assumed she would eventually get to heaven. It was only after reading the four Gospels for herself that she realised she had based her hopes on insufficient knowledge The Bible is clear for those who look and vain hopes about Christianity are not enough. (*See 1 John 5:11-13.*)

If you have a news story or a photo for the View from Weymouth or the View from Portland please call Harry Walton on 01305 787843 or email hdswalton@yahoo.co.uk

■ DAVID Graham at the auction with a Lord of the Rings chess set

Company launches regular auctions

A COMPANY which specialises in the disposal of redundant and clearance stock has held its first major auction at their new site in Weymouth.

NTA Auction House auctions everything from general household goods and antiques to catering equipment, plant, machinery and vehicles.

Director and owner David Graham said their opening event attracted 550 items which were viewed by more than 400 people ahead of the auction.

He added: "We had everything from a Lord of the Rings chess set and tin robots to fruit machines, hat stands, paintings, fish tanks, furniture, books and even an outboard motor.

"We hope to make our auctions regular events every fortnight on a Saturday starting from February 9th."

He added that NTA also plan to hold regular auctions of cars, the first one starting at their Lynch Lane site at 6.30pm tonight (Friday).

Four arrested after spate of arson and vehicle thefts

FOUR people have been arrested on suspicion of arson and theft from motor vehicles in the Littlemoor area of Weymouth.

The arrests came after weeks of arson attacks on the estate as well as a series of incidents where vehicles were broken into.

All four were arrested after a 4.15am incident where a car was set on fire in Beverley Road.

A police investigation led to the arrests and the four were initially held in custody where police said they were "helping officers with their inquiries". The blaze was dealt with by two crews of firefighters from Weymouth.

The four people involved include a 41-year-old man, a 19-year-old man, a 15-year-old girl and a 16-year-old boy. All are from Weymouth.

Sergeant Steve Yeoman, of Littlemoor Safer Neighbourhood Team, said: "It is unusual to have this number of incidents in Littlemoor and I believe the community is suffering at the hands of a few individuals and we will not tolerate this.

"The Littlemoor SNT is working closely with partner agencies to address this issue. I am pleased to note that the Littlemoor community is rallying together and I continue to urge anyone with any information to contact us on 101 or use Crimestoppers. All calls are treated in strictest of confidence and we take all reports very seriously."

Weymouth and Portland Inspector Les Fry said: "We are determined to stop the people responsible. We are working hard, using a wide range of resources and tactics, to catch these offenders."

"We welcome any information from the community as to who is committing crime and causing the problems on the estate."

"We will not allow criminals to spoil the quality of life of those who just want to enjoy the peace and quiet of this nice part of Weymouth."

Flood alert

WEYMOUTH was put on flood alert as the View went to press.

The Environment Agency issued a full flood warning for the River Wey which empties into Radipole Lake.

Rising river levels and torrential rain combined with spring tides meant flooding was real risk, said agency staff, and the situation is unlikely to get better with more heavy rain forecast throughout this week.

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

WEYMOUTH schoolboy football stars are attracting keen interest from top local teams.....such as car bodywork repairers and garden landscapers.

A major sponsorship deal is only a matter of time because of all the work the boys are creating for such firms.

Every one of the teenagers is a talented striker....able to kick their ball so that it strikes people's cars or strikes garden walls and greenery while displaying a dazzling ability to recover their ball and do it all over again further down the street.

All this must provide rich pickings for panel beaters and jobbing gardeners putting things right after the little darlings have had their fun.

I suppose asking a schoolboy to carry a football home without kicking it is a bit like asking the Government for a referendum on coming out of Europe. You hope your message gets across but you don't hold out much hope.

Perhaps residents should invest in a referee's whistle which could be blown when culprits are spotted booting their ball into some inoffensive car driver's door or garden shrub. They could then be booked and, for repeated incidents, reported to their school for them to take action.

Whatever the approach, a little more consideration by the schoolboy footballers and a little less Bash of the Day would suit an awful lot of people.

Contact Harry Walton on 01305 787843 or email hdswalton@yahoo.co.uk

S'now joke when you're soaked

THERE is nothing like a few flakes of snow to bring a county which has stood for hundreds of years to its knees in a matter of hours.

This time there was substance to the almost hysterical national warnings of an Arctic-like Armageddon for Dorset.

Weymouth and Portland had to cope with more than an inch of snow, Dorchester at least four inches and areas such as Shaftesbury more than six inches as the blitz spirit was swapped for the blizzard spirit.

Recent budget cuts caused problems for the council and, with few available lorries, gritting had to be carried out by staff tossing handfuls of salt from the windows of the Mayor's limousine.

Schools closed to allow children to launch a reign of snowball terror, rail services were reduced and bus services were slashed although long-suffering passengers said they thought it was still a normal service.

The real danger facing pedestrians in Weymouth was not so much icy pavements as slushy roads.

Taking a hurried stroll out in such conditions was an open invitation for passing lorries to send a delightful wave of dirty snow arcing over anyone unlucky enough to be walking nearby.

It happened to me and, while I had some sympathy with heavy goods drivers struggling to cope with the conditions, it was still hard to resist beating a hasty retreat home for some fresh dry warm clothing.

Instead those few drivers still using roads were left startled by my appearance as some sort of ghostly white figure, snapping snowy scenes and chatting to rare pedestrians before a soaked coat and trousers finally drove me indoors to thaw out.

A day later and nearly all the Weymouth snow had gone and you wondered what all the fuss had been about.

Areas further inland did get more snow but it fell as rain in Weymouth. As if we haven't had enough of that over the last eight months!

Would it work as well in Dorchester?

RARE evidence has emerged that some staff at Dorset County Council seem to be using hallucinogenic drugs.

Their hazy perspective of real life could not be better illustrated than by one of their recent reports claiming in a one-year review of Weymouth's hated new transport system that it is actually improving things for motorists.

Not according to the scores and scores of drivers who have angrily denounced it to me over the last year!

I have lost count of the withering comments and vilification heaped on the new junctions and traffic lights, not least by those regularly forced to use such routes.

For those drivers with anything like a choice then they are avoiding blackspots such as Boot Hill like the plague, causing such a drop in the amount of traffic enduring the corridor to King Street that even the county council has been forced to admit that traffic figures for the route are "lower than expected".

But still the bluster goes on about the junction improvements having done "better than expected".

Better than what? Better than if the council had built tank traps there? Better than if drivers had been asked to divert via Bridport? Better than if we all lose the will to live and just walk to King Street?

I suggest that "better than" is relative to the county council being comfortably based in another town so their whole transport system review should be taken with a judicious pinch of salt.

You can bet your bottom dollar that if our much vaunted system was inflicted on the area outside County Hall then the same report which praises the system's operation in Weymouth would probably be critical of its effectiveness in Dorchester.

After all, as everyone knows, there are lies, damn lies and statistics.

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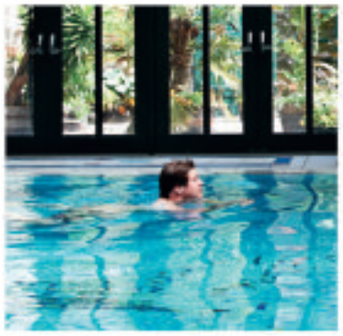

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

DORCHESTER: The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet in the Education Centre, Dorset County Hospital at 2.30 pm when Sue Hennessy will give a talk on "Hidden Depths: Women of the RNLI".

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

DORCHESTER: Plant heritage Group. 'Camellias - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow', an illustrated talk on this delightful genus by Dorset based Jennifer Trehane, internationally respected Camellia expert, Author and Nursery Woman. In the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College. Visitors welcome (£2.50, Students £1.00 at the door). Details from Peter on 01305 772533 and the NCCPG website.

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THE PAST MADE PRESENT AT DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM

AT last, an exhibition of contemporary art that can be accessed and enjoyed by all!

It focuses on shared ancestry, poignant memory and loved landscape. No need to be intimidated, there are links throughout the exhibition with objects and ideas held by the Museum and the visitor is encouraged to explore their own memories that have a constant bearing on how we live today.

The artists will be there personally on three mornings to talk about their work – come along between 10.30am and 12 noon on 21 February, 4 and 11 April to meet them, hear about their work and find out what inspired them. Some of the artists are also running workshops to encourage tactile engagement with processes and concepts that are at the heart of Contemporary art. Obfuscation is not part of this exhibition. Pleasure, recognition and personal involvement is...

The archaeological holdings of the museum have been the focus of the largest number of artists. The Dorset landscape, particularly the coast and Maiden Castle is another popular subject. Poetry, library books, farming, mourning jewellery and fresco painting are also part of the show. Another strong category explored by some artists is enquiring into the whole concept of the Museum itself. The experience of encountering fragments of the past, unfolding in the viewer buried and evocative memories, is made contemporary.

Encounters: Wessex Contemporary Artists meet Dorset County Museum runs from February 16th to June 7th 2013. Entry to the exhibition is free. Details of events associated with the exhibition are available on the Museum website and from the Museum Shop.

Museum temporary closure

DORSET County Museum will be closed for five days from Monday 5th to Friday, February 8th in order for essential maintenance work to be carried out. As the majority of the work involves the main gallery of the Museum, the Victorian Hall and also the Dorchester Gallery, the decision has been made to close the Museum to all but essential staff during this time.

The Museum will be open as usual on both Saturday, February 2nd and Saturday, February 9th from 10am to 4pm. Director of Dorset County Museum, Jon Murden said, "We never like having to close the Museum but this essential work will enable us to make major improvements to the building which will benefit everyone in the long term."

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POSH funnyman Matthew Bayliss visits the Bridport Arts Centre next month for the first Comedy Café night of the year.

The Bridport Arts Centre Comedy Café showcases the best new talent on today's stand up circuit alongside experienced pros from around the UK, providing a whole evening's hilarity for just £5.

Bridport based comedian, and regular host, Tom Glover will welcome this month's acts on Friday, February 8th.

Returning to the café will be a host of comics including Exeter based Charles Christopher and Louis Burgess, South West New Act of the Year 2010 Luke Honnoraty and Bridport's own Gary Ball.

Opening the show will be Luke Honnoraty who performed at the comedy café's opening night. Since his first visit Luke has gone on to win the London Comedy Store's King Gong accolade and made the final of Loaded magazines search for the hottest new talent of 2013.

Closing the night will be headliner Matthew Bayliss who has travelled the globe with his own unique brand of unashamedly middle class comedy, sharing stories of growing up and getting old in the leafy suburbs of middle England.

With more than half a decade on the comedy circuit Matthew has gigged with the great and the good of UK comedy and performed at comedy clubs and festivals across the land.

As a father of six he draws much of his humour from tales of parenthood which ring true with audiences of all ages.

As well as introducing the acts, as ever Tom Glover will be sharing his latest material with the home crowd.

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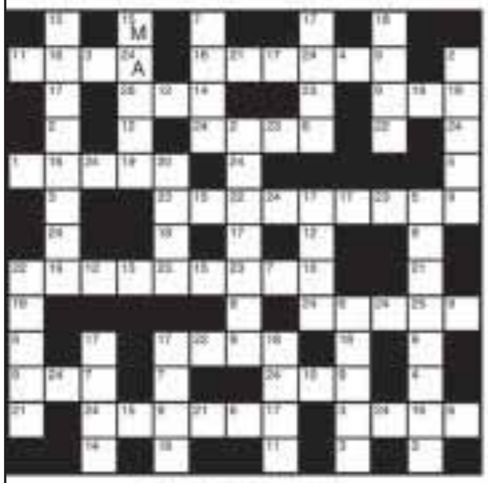

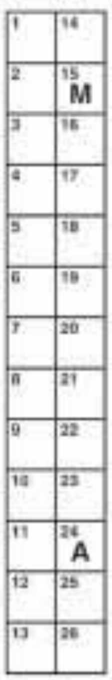

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Cryptic Clues:

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9. Practise extortion - public instrument for cutting needed! (7)
10. The kind of physical impulse to provide resolution (5)
11. Parts of ships looking smooth and glossy when turned round (5)
12. His room is arranged in North African style (7)
13. Mitigate an outburst of passion (6)
15. Keep on pestering a nocturnal animal (6)
18. If asked his occupation, would he give a stock answer? (7)
20. Andersen named the medicinal plant inside (5)
22 and 23 Ac. Suffering from no heaviness at the core? (5-7)
24. A state in which employment would be out of the question? (11)

Down

2. She's held by their enemies (5)
3. Different traits revealed by eastern performer (7)
4. Guiding principles for the production of machine-guns (6)
5. Just the food to provide a guy with energy (5)
6. Giving patient attention (7)
7. Strictly regulates one's operations, but strives to hold sway (5,2,4)
8. Capture the woman's estates for a European country (11)
14. Is able to cope, but the fellow looks older (7)
16. Don't! It's a ban, maybe (7)
17. Bends the back and vaults! (6)
19. If a man stays here, he mixes with a lot! (5)
21. Records brought up when radio is operating (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Book-keeping (11)
9. Ennui (7)
10. Less wet (5)
11. Plant spike (5)
12. Outermost (7)
13. Innumerable (6)
15. Landed property (6)
18. Towing vehicle (7)
20. Forebode (5)
22. Meeting-place (5)
23. Subtle discrimination (7)
24. Fraternity (11)

Down

2. Freight (5)
3. Defining position in series (7)
4. Figure (6)
5. Examine accounts (5)
6. Wild fancy (7)
7. Hindering (11)
8. Liberal (4-7)
14. Coach (7)
16. Trusty (7)
17. Small amount (6)
19. Handle (5)
21. Plaster of Paris (5)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Straight; 5 Drop; 9 Free; 10 Suborder; 11 Divan; 12 Extract; 13 Undercurrents; 18 Scarcity; 19 Pile; 20 Abridge; 21 Sweep; 22 Tome; 23 Asterisk. Down: 2 Torsion; 3 Average; 4 Housebuilders; 6 Redrawn; 7 Pirates; 8 Mortar; 13 Upstart; 14 Diagram; 15 Recede; 16 Empower; 17 Tillers. QUICK - Across: 1 Spotless; 5 Main; 9 Acts; 10 Palettes; 11 Comic; 12 Defence; 13 Rough and ready; 18 Solution; 19 Best; 20 Drained; 21 Wagon; 22 Echo; 23 Property. Down: 2 Piccolo; 3 Testing; 4 Standing order; 6 Antenna; 7 Mastery; 8 Heifer; 13 Residue; 14 Unleash; 15 Hating; 16 Embrace; 17 Despot.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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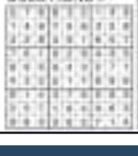

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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Eve Loiseau sings the songs of Edith Piaf this Valentine's Day

AS the 50th anniversary of Edith Piaf's death approaches, a powerful celebration of her life visits the Marine Theatre Lyme Regis, Dorchester Corn Exchange and Bridport Arts Centre this Valentine's.

Edith Piaf has become synonymous with French Cabaret of the 1940s & 50s and remains France's most popular singer. Her life was the stuff of legend, with a dramatic rise from Paris street urchin to star of international renown, but it was anything but 'La vie en rose'. Towards the end, ravaged by pain and injury, Piaf turned to drugs to find comfort and solace, never able to believe that she was indeed loved by countless thousands of fans the world over. 50 years later, Piaf – The Songs celebrates her life and music. Performed by Eve Loiseau, whose passion for Piaf developed at a young age around her family dining table in South Eastern France, this is a tribute to 'The Little Sparrow'. Eve's lustrous French tone captures the essence of Piaf's performance and since her debut at the Royal Festival Hall in February 2002 her recitals have enjoyed international success. Supported by Fiona Barrow on violin and Murray Grainger on accordion, expect 'virtuoso musicianship'.

Piaf – The Songs is on at The Marine Theatre Lyme Regis on Thursday, February 14th, Dorchester Corn Exchange on Friday, February 15th and Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday 16th.

This special Valentine's event is brought to you as a collaboration between the three arts centres, who also now offer anyone who joins as a member reciprocal benefits such as ticket discounts at the other two venues.

Tickets are available for the Marine Theatre Lyme Regis on 01297 442138 or Dorchester Arts Centre on 01305 266926 or Dorchester TIC on 01305 267992 (or online at: www.dorchesterarts.org.uk) or for Bridport Arts Centre on 01308 424204. For more information please visit www.Piaf-the-songs.co.uk

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TERRY Keyworth (Guitar and Vocals) and Pete Maxfield (Double Bass), a musical pairing like no other, their name; "Double Trouble" says it all. On Thursday, January 17th, Terry and Pete entertained an appreciative audience of diners, performing tracks such as "Halleluiah", with a Jazz twist and blues undertones to rapturous applause. This was their third gig at 115 Club, but most certainly, not their last.

Once again 115 Club will host the hot three piece folk, blues and rock trio by the name of 'Break the Chain', on the evening of Thursday, January 31st. Bert Stone, Acacia Ann and Karl Weber mix up different styles on various instruments using varied influences from the likes of Bob Dylan, Etta James and Ray Charles. Last time at 115 Club, Break the Chain performed fabulous tracks, creating an atmosphere that to quote one of the guests *"Great music! It was one of the best live shows in my life in a most intimate place I have ever been before"* Sunny Park (from Korea).

The performers were brought together by "A mutual love of music, lyrics and live performance". Only having been together since late 2011, they have already established themselves as a group like no other, performing at festivals and events in and around the West Country, to universal acclaim.

Acacia Anne began singing at the age of 16 in and around London. Now with many recorded original songs her voice and guitar make the harmony that is "Break then Chain".

Having toured with Genesis, The Cure, The Rolling Stones, and John Denver, Bert Stone is a fine singer/songwriter with a smooth vocal timbre. He brings acoustic and electric guitar and blues harp to the band.

Karl Weber, born in Detroit, and was playing The Missouri Waltz at the age of four! Today, an accomplished player of many instruments he has shared the stage with most famous musicians.

This promises to be a memorable evening – check out: www.breakthechain.org.uk

Pre-booking for hot buffet dinner (£10 per person) between 7pm and 8pm is essential and guests should telephone on the day (between 2pm and 6pm) to confirm numbers in their party. At which time they will be informed of the cover charge – anticipated at between £5 and £10 per guest. Unfortunately late-comers cannot be accommodated as dining must be completed before the music starts at about 9pm.

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Fri, Mon-Thu: 16.00,
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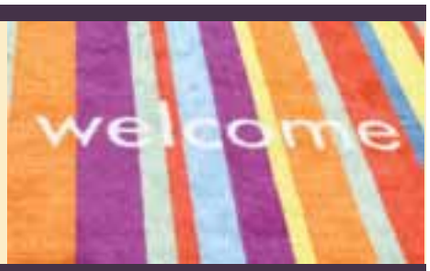

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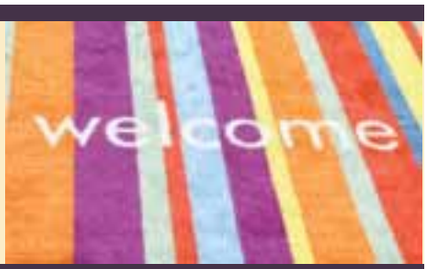

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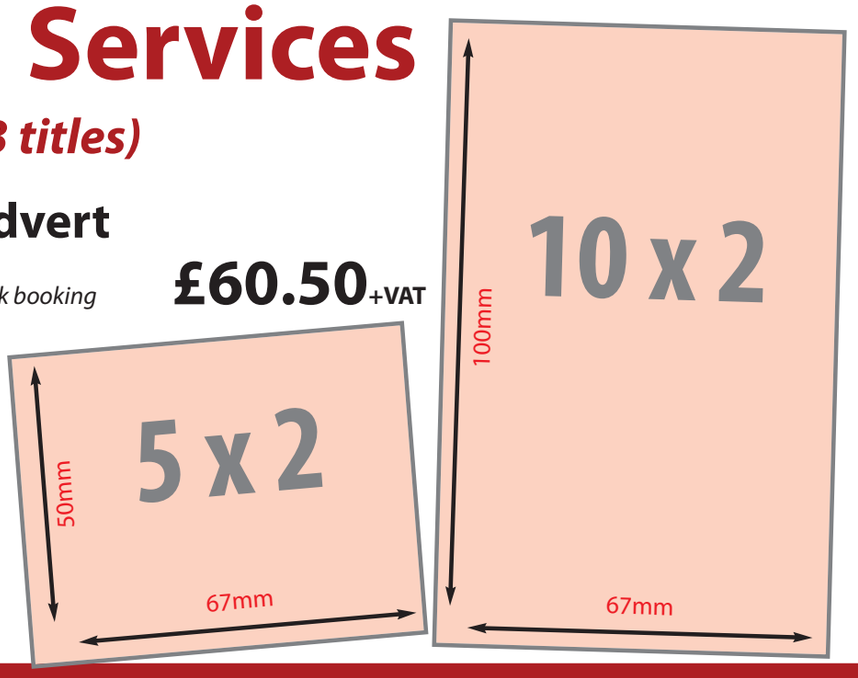

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Ford Fiesta adds European top seller title

- *The Ford Fiesta is Europe's top-selling small car of 2012, and the second most popular car overall, with one purchased every two minutes on average*
- *Fiesta has been overall UK best seller every year since 2009*
- *European sales success confirmed as dealerships across the continent celebrate*
- *Fiesta Day to mark the latest model's arrival*
- *New Fiesta offers a bolder exterior, a more refined interior, the award-winning 1.0-litre EcoBoost engine, Ford SYNC and Ford MyKey*

CONSUMERS bought a new Ford Fiesta every two minutes on average last year, making it the best-selling small car in Europe, according to automotive data intelligence provider JATO Dynamics.

Ford last year sold 953,174 cars in the 30 European markets monitored by Jato, including 306,405 Fiestas. Ford recently announced that during 2012 more than 1.4 million Ford vehicles were sold across all of the 51 European markets in which it operates.

In the UK, Ford sold almost 110,000 Fiesta models last year – confirming its position as the nation's most popular car every year since 2009.

In anticipation of the latest model's arrival, Ford's 530 UK dealers set aside January 24th as "Fiesta Day" to help manage unprecedented levels of interest in Ford's new baby.

In addition to special "Fiesta Day" showroom features and attractions, Ford has also launched a Facebook app which analyses information on profile pages to match users with their ideal Fiesta specification. The app also encourages the submission of ideas on the perfect 24 hours in a new Fiesta – as already enjoyed by singing star Jessie Ware (www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lAuJqakzYY).

"The Fiesta had a fantastic 2012 in the UK, Europe and across the world," said Roelant de Waard, vice president, Marketing, Sales and Service, Ford of Europe. "This iconic car has come to define what customers desire from a small car – style, quality, efficiency and great technology."

Ford has sold more than 15 million Fiestas worldwide since the vehicle first went into production in 1976. The Fiesta now has been the top-selling small car in Europe for three out of the past four years. During that period, more than 1.7 million Fiestas have been sold in Europe and 2.1 million globally.

The U.K. was the most successful European market for Fiesta in 2012, with 109,250 models registered according to Ford figures. Across Europe, Frozen White proved the most popular paint colour among Fiesta customers.

Ford is currently launching the new Fiesta in Europe – which is coming to dealerships now – which is redesigned inside and out and offers the 1.0-litre EcoBoost petrol engine – the 2012 "International Engine of the Year". An ECOnetic Technology version powered by a 1.6-litre Duratorq TDCi diesel engine achieves 87 g/km CO2.

The new Fiesta also offers MyKey, a Ford-exclusive technology that allows parents to encourage safer driving and limit their teenager's exposure to risk at the wheel. Ford also has equipped new Fiesta with Ford SYNC, a voice-activated in-car connectivity system, and SYNC Emergency Assistance, which directly connects vehicle occupants to local emergency services operators after an accident.

In addition, Fiesta offers Active City Stop, which can help avoid or mitigate low-speed collisions.

"The new Fiesta has some big shoes to fill in 2013 but is perfectly equipped to do so," said de Waard. "Being acclaimed as Europe's best-loved small car in 2012 is a great achievement and we thank all of our customers who continue to put their faith in the Fiesta."

11th year on top for Mini at the BusinessCar Awards

MINI has once again reinforced its position as the car to beat after BusinessCar Magazine named the MINI Hatch 'Supermini of the Year' for the 11th consecutive year at their annual awards.

The BusinessCar Awards are the only honours in the company car and van industry that are solely voted for by the readership, which makes them the most influential in the business car arena. MINI continued to impress readers, with the it's unique combination of great design, low running costs, low CO2 emissions and exceptionally strong residual values contributing to its repeated success.

"MINI's combination of brand prestige and fun-to-drive character with efficiency and residual values that lead to unbeatable running costs mean it's no surprise that the car has now held onto BusinessCar's Supermini of the Year award for an 11th year," said BusinessCar Editor Paul Barker. "It's a huge achievement, and illustrates the massive appeal in the corporate sector for a car with the qualities that the business car market relies on."

Efficiency has never been more important for business customers, and MINI has continued to lead innovation some 11 years after first winning BusinessCar's Supermini of the Year award. MINI's acclaimed MINIMALISM technologies are fitted as standard on Cooper, Cooper D, Cooper S, Cooper SD and John Cooper Works models, employing a host of fuel-saving and emission-lowering technologies. Brake Energy Regeneration, Auto Start-Stop, Gearshift Indicator and Electromechanical Power Steering are among the key MINIMALISM technologies, ensuring CO2 emissions on the MINI Hatch start from just 99g/km on the MINI Cooper D.

The 11th BusinessCar accolade comes as MINI prepares to celebrate another milestone this year, with 100 years of continuous car production at the brand's historic Oxford production plant in March. The MINI Plant has been producing the award winning MINI since 2001, prior to which an array of vehicles were built in the preceding 88 years.

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New e-NV200 receives electric response from the fleet industry

- *Nissan's 100% electric van gets the fleet thumbs up after test drive*
- *Fleets recognise cost and emission benefits of e-NV200*
- *Used guides recognise value of e-NV200 in the second hand market*

NISSAN has received extremely positive feedback from the fleet industry on its new e-NV200 electric van when it was showcased in late 2012.

Five leasing companies, six major fleet operators and three used value guides visited Nissan's Barcelona production facility and drove the new e-NV200, a diesel NV200 and the LEAF.

The group met the e-NV200 development team and were able to give their thoughts on all aspects of the vehicle, including how they envisage it fitting into a fleet strategy. Nissan also shared its overall EV vision including product creation, development and future EV plans.

All delegates reacted positively to the 100% electric van's driving and performance characteristics with many keen to put the vehicle into immediate use.

"We were blown away with the response and we already have leasing companies and fleet operators who want to trial the vehicle, and some who want to order a fleet of vehicles for urban delivery use," explained Matthew Dale, Nissan's national LCV sales manager.

"After driving the vehicle on the two day trip they could immediately see the business benefit of running electric vans across specific parts of a fleet. Commercial vehicles are working tools and our guests recognised both the savings in fuel costs and reduced emissions offered by the e-NV200," he added.

From a residual value perspective the used guides could see a definite role to play for the e-NV200 and that used prices should be strong based on the vehicle's practicality and whole life costs, which will give it a second and third life in the used market.

"Residual values are key to the success of any commercial vehicle so we were pleased to hear some very positive initial comments from the used vehicle experts," said Dale.

The Barcelona trip follows successful trials with major fleets such as British Gas, FedEx and the Japan Post Service in 2011 and 2012 as Nissan prepares the e-NV200 for mainstream production. The e-NV200 is expected to go on sale in 2014.

▲ Nissan e-NV200 Concept

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Kia pro_cee'd GT and cee'd GT set for Geneva debut

- *Kia pro_cee'd GT and cee'd GT to debut at 2013 Geneva Motor Show*
- *Most performance-focused Kia models yet*
- *204 PS and 265 Nm from turbocharged 1.6-litre engine*
- *Designed and to be manufactured in Europe*

The new Kia pro_cee'd GT and cee'd GT – the brand's most performance-focused production cars ever – will enjoy their world premieres at the 2013 Geneva Motor Show on 5 March.

Designed in Europe under the direction of President and Chief Design Officer, Peter Schreyer, the two debutants feature bold athletic styling, distinctive LED daytime running lights, dual-exhaust pipes, Recaro seating, 18-inch alloy wheels and eye-catching red brake calipers.

The new turbocharged 1.6-litre GDI petrol engine will produce 204 PS (201 bhp) and 265 Nm (195lb/ft), powering the front wheels through a six-speed manual transmission and allowing the Kia pro_cee'd GT and cee'd GT to accelerate from 0 to 100km/h (62mph) in 7.9 seconds.

Production of the newest members of the latest generation cee'd family is scheduled to start at Kia's Žilina plant in Slovakia in mid-May. The pro_cee'd GT is anticipated to go sale in the UK from the middle of the year and be joined by its cee'd GT counterpart towards the end of 2013.

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Wurzels	16	19
Hammers	17	17
Essentials	17	17
Colliton Spares	16	15
Strimmers	17	15
Swankers	17	15
Alcotops	16	14
Hartstoppers	17	14
Vic Reeves	17	13
Tinklers	17	10
Supertramps	16	9

◆ **Highest team score:** 477 Wurzels, **Top Individual score:** M Elford (Greyhound Essentials) 71

Section C	Pld	Pts
Hotshots	17	22
Top Pins	17	20
Country Boys	16	20
Untouchables	17	20
Mucksprеaders	16	18
Half Pints	17	18
Swan Abbots	17	17
Plodders	16	16
Villains	16	16
Merrymen	16	16
Strugglers	17	15
Fingers	16	14
Colliton A	16	14
Fumblers	17	12
Thatchers	17	10

◆ **Highest team score:** 434 Muckspreaders, **Top Individual score:** M Heal (Half Pints) 68.

Section D	Pld	Pts
Wool Misfits	14	26
Fun Seekers	15	20
Dribs 'n' Drabs	14	20
Hopefuls	15	18
Pudd Nomads	13	18
Unpredictables	14	15
Casuals	14	14
Chuckers	15	12
Headliners	14	12
Legionaires	13	10
Shipwrecked	14	10
Rollers	15	7
Huntsmen	14	2

◆ **Highest team score:** 456 Chaldon Chuckers, **Top Individual score:** A Brown (Chaldon Chuckers) 68.

LADIES

Section A	Pld	Pts
Devils	14	28
Breezers	14	18
Oakettes	15	18
Potshots	15	18
Crackerjacs	14	16
Bloomers	13	16
Woodpeckers	14	6
Westenders	13	6
Nik Naks	14	0

◆ **Highest team score:** 471 Devils, **Top Individual score:** M Fowler (Devils) 71.

Section B	Pld	Pts
Galley Maids	13	18
Forget-me-Nots	11	16
Odd Bulls	13	16
Colli-Cats	13	12
Cornwall Girls	12	12
Colli-Frolics	11	10
Crossfire	12	10
Black Jacks	13	4

◆ **Highest team score:** 393 Cornwall Girls 393, **Top Individual score:** A.Wright (Cornwall Girls) 67.

Terras produce gutsy comeback: Portland ease to victory

DORSET FOOTBALL ROUND-UP
WITH WILL MOWBRAY

Dorset Premier League

Portland Utd 4 Bridport Res 2

IN ONE of only five games to beat the weather, the Islanders extended their lead at the top of the Premier League to three points following a 4-2 win against Bridport.

The hosts raced into a two-goal lead after only 12 minute with strikes from Alex Halloran and Ross Doige. The Bees hit back to reduce the arrears with a goal from Sam Day five minutes before the break and the same player equalised in the 48th minute.

Lewis Whyton restored the Islanders lead in the fifty-fifth minute and Mitch Conning scored to put the game beyond Bridport four minutes from time. Portland welcome the visit of 4th placed Wincanton next weekend.

Weymouth Res 2 Wareham Rangers 1

THE TERRAS had to come from one down at the break to beat Wareham Rangers 2-1.

Steven Yates put the Rangers in front after 24 minutes but the Terras hit back in the second-half and scored twice through Matthew Morley in the 51st minute and Ashley Wells in the 65th minute.

Weymouth remain in mid-table as they host third placed Hamworthy Recreation in what promises to be a good game.

Senior League

GILLINGHAM TOWN closed the gap on the leaders to six points with a 3-1 victory against Blandford United Reserve. Oliver Wareham grabbed the only goal for Blandford as they sink nearer relegation.

Sturminster Newton climb the table into fourth with a 1-0 win at bottom-of-the-table Sturminster Marshall.

Witchampton United lost ground on the top two when they surprisingly lost 3-1 to Stourpaine. United's single goal came from Jonathan Haytor.

Division One

MILBORNE SPORTS lost ground on leaders Corfe Mullen when they could only draw one all with Merley Cobham Sports. Sport's goalscorer was Oliver Clayton as they picked up their first point of the season.

South Cheriton stay in the top three with a 5-2 win against Poundbury Rovers. Rovers goals came from Steve Oliver and Luke Barker, as they keep hold 5th position.

The Kangaroos moved out of the bottom three with 4-3 win against Poole Borough Reserves. Kangaroos had four different scorers with Luke Gatehouse, Richard Beasley, Robbie Rolls and Jason Hillier on target.

Division Two

AFC COBHAM moved back into pole position following their 7-2 success against Wyke Regis Social Club with their strikes coming from Dan King with a hat trick and one each for Matthew Mcgrath, Sterphen Moephew, Chris Lawson and Martyn Dickson.

Dorchester Sports moved up a place to s second after their odd goal in seven win at Gillingham with the host marksmen being Dean Stokes with two and one from Reece Foster.

Division Three

PIDDLEHINTON UNITED move top of division three despite only drawing one-all with bottom of the table Owemoigne with their goalscorer being Lucas Allen.

Handley Sports lost ground on the two leaders when they lost 4-3 to Strickland United with their goals coming from Darren Munday (2) and George Gibbs.

Division Four

BROADSTONE stay top of division four after their 3-0 win against Corfe Mullen United. Chris Phillips bagged a brace and one Linton Robertson also got on the scoresheet.

Puddletown lost ground on the leaders when they lost for the first time in ten games. They went down 5-0 at Mere Town where the host goal-scorers were Martin Silk, Charles Parry, Jamie Samway, Gavin Parfitt and substitute George Wisher.

Cranborne Reserves maintained their winning form with a 6-4 win against Bishops Caundle. Charles Wier and James Antell both netted a brace and Craig Molyneaux also scored with an own goal capping off the win.

Division Five

PIMPERNE extended their lead to 11 points at the top of the table. They also made it ten wins out of ten following their 6-1 victory against Lytchett RT Youth. Paul Ford and Martin Grifiths both bagged a brace, Lee Carter and Dale Hoffman also got on the scoresheet.

Swanage Town and Herston moved into the top two with a 9-0 thrashing over Maiden Newton & Cattistock. Liam Currell scored four, Jack Hamilton with a brace, and one each for Florinel Bujjor, Jack Hector and Walid Khalifa. Milborne Sports Reserves stay in the bottom three despite their 8-0 win at Portland.

Marhull beat Handley Sports 6-4 as they moved up into the top five with their goals coming from Shane Matthews (3) and one each from Luke Perry, Tom Mogridge and an own goal while netting for the Sports were Simon Wallworth (3) and one for Martin Watson.

RESULTS

Dorset Premier League
Hamworthy Recreation 4-2 Blandford United
Hamworthy United Res 2-3 Wincanton Town
Portland United 4-2 Bridport Reserves
Tintinhull 4-0 Cranborne
Weymouth FC Res 2-1 Wareham Rangers

Senior League
Blandford Utd Res 1-3 Gillingham Town Res
Sturminster Mar 0-1 Sturminster Newton
Witchampton United 1-3 Stourpaine

League Division One
Kangaroos 4-3 Poole Borough Reserves
Merley Cobham Res 1-1 Milborne Sports
Poundbury Rovers 2-5 South Cheriton

Dorset League Division Two
AFC Cobham 7-2 Wyke Regis Social Club
Gillingham Town A 3-4 Dorchester Sports

Dorset League Division Three
Handley Sports 3-4 Stickland United
Piddlehinton United 1-1 Owermoigne

Dorset League Division Four
Corfe Mullen Utd Res 0-3 Broadstone FC
Cranborne Reserves 6-4 Bishops Caundle
Mere Town Reserves 5-0 Puddletown

Dorset League Division Five
Broadstone FC Res 4-0 Wellworthy
Swanage Town A 9-0 Maiden Newton & Cat
Marnhull 6-4 Handley Sports Reserves
Portland Town A 0-8 Milborne Sports Res
Pimperne Sports 6-1 Lytchett RT Youth

FIXTURES

Saturday, 2 February 2013

Dorset Premier League
Merley Cob Spts v Hamworthy Recreation
Parley Sports v Cranborne
Shaftesbury Town v Wareham Rangers
Sherborne Town Res v Blandford Utd
Swanage Town & H v Tintinhull
Weymouth Res v Hamworthy United Res
Wincanton Town Res v Portland United

Senior League
Blandford United Res v Sturminster Marshall
Kingston Lacy v Witchampton United
Mere Town v Upwey & Broadwey
Portland United Res v Weymouth Sports
Stourpaine v Gillingham Town Reserves
Sturminster Newton Utd v Okeford United
Westland Sports v Piddletrenthine United

League Division One
Bere Regis v Kangaroos
Chickerell United Res v Swanage T & H Res
Milborne Sports v Bridport A
Poole Borough Res v Wincanton Town Res
South Cheriton v Merley Cobham Sports Res

Dorset League Division Two
AFC Cobham v Corfe Castle
Donhead United v Gillingham Town A
Dorchester Sports v Shaftesbury Town Res
Wareham Rangers Res v The Ship Inn Wool
Weymouth Spartans v Sturminster Newt Res
Wyke Regis Social Club v The Balti House

Dorset League Division Three
Lytchett RT v Handley Sports
Owermoigne v Maiden Newton & Cattistock
Stickland United v Piddlehinton United
Sturminster Marshall Res v Bere Regis Res
The Belvedere Inn v Portesham United

Dorset League Division Four
AFC Blandford v Mere Town Reserves
Corfe Mullen Utd Res v Bishops Caundle
Cranborne Res v United FC Poundbury
Portland Town Res v Broadstone FC
Puddletown v Weymouth Spartans Reserves

Dorset League Division Five
Handley Sports Res v Milborne Sports Res
Kanaroos Res v Pimperne Society Sports
Lytchett RT Youth v Marnhull
Maiden N & C Reserves v Broadstone Res
Swanage T & Herston A v Wellworthys

YOUTH (UNDER18s)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd 2013

Divison 1
Bournemouth Poppies v Dorchester Town
Parley Sports v Hamworthy United
Poole Borough v Wimborne Town
Sherborne Town Westland Sports

Divison 2
Merley Cob Spts v Bournemouth Poppies
Greenridge Athletic v Rossgarth
Broadstone v Sherborne Town Colts
Swanage Town & Herston v Wimborne

Divison 3
Merley Cobham Sports v Corfe Mullen
Rossgarth v Wool & Winfrith
Poole Town FC Wessex Colts v Portland Utd
Portland Town v Dorchester Magpies
Shaftesbury v South Cheriton

AS THEY STAND

Premier	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Portland Utd	17	14	2	1	42	44
Holt Utd	18	13	2	3	21	41
Ham'thy Rec	18	11	2	5	38	35
Wincanton	15	10	4	1	21	34
Bridport Res	19	9	5	5	20	32
Chickerell Utd	17	9	5	3	19	32
Tintinhull	18	10	2	6	2	32
Parley Sports	15	7	3	5	5	24
Weymouth Res.	17	7	2	8	-3	23
Wareham Ran	19	6	3	10	0	21
Shaftesbury	16	7	0	9	-11	21
Hamworthy	18	5	4	9	-7	19
Cranborne	17	5	3	9	-16	18
Merley Sports	17	5	3	9	-23	18
Blandford Utd	19	5	0	14	-24	15
Sherborne Res	18	2	5	11	-30	11
Swanage & H	12	3	1	8	-17	10
Poole Borough.	18	2	2	14	-37	8

Senior League	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Mere Town	12	11	1	0	33	34
Gillingham Res.	13	9	1	3	11	28
Witchampton	10	7	0	3	10	21
Sturminster	13	5	2	4	8	19
Portland Res	13	5	4	6	-3	17
Westland Spts	11	5	1	5	5	16
Piddlet'thide	11	5	1	5	-4	16
Upwey & Broad	9	5	0	4	12	15
Kingston Lacy	9	4	1	4	2	13
Stourpaine	12	4	1	7	-1	13
Blandford Utd	12	4	1	7	-19	13
Weymouth	12	2	4	6	-15	10
Okeford Utd	8	2	1	5	-14	7
Sturm Marsh	13	2	0	11	-25	6

Division One	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Corfe Mullen	11	10	1	0	29	31
Milborne Spts	13	8	2	3	20	26
South Cheritn	10	8	1	1	27	25
Bere Regis	11	5	2	4	8	17
Poundbury Ro	10	5	1	4	1	16
Bridport A	11	4	1	6	-16	13
Swanage Town	6	4	0	2	5	12
Poole Borough	13	4	0	9	-19	12
Kangaroos	10	2	4	4	-2	10
Wincanton Res	7	2	3	2	-5	9
Chickerell Res	9	1	0	8	-9	3
Merely Cob	11	0	1	10	-39	1

Division Two	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
AFC Cobham	14	9	2	3	16	29
Dorchester Sp	13	9	1	3	19	28
The Balti House	12	8	2	2	19	26
Weymouth Sp	11	8	0	3	12	24
Shaftesbury	13	7	2	4	8	23
Wyke Regis	13	6	2	5	-2	20
Gillingham A	13	4	3	6	2	15
Corfe Castle	10	5	0	5	-1	15
Sturminster	10	3	1	6	-17	10
Donhead Utd	11	3	0	8	-19	9
Wareham Rang	9	2	1	6	-9	7
Ship Inn, Wool	8	1	1	6	-11	4
Portland Town	11	0	3	8	-17	3

Division Three ..	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Piddlehinton	13	7	4	2	21	25
Lytchett RT	8	8	0	0	41	24
Handley Sp	11	6	2	3	11	20
Portesham Utd	10	6	2	2	5	20
Stalbridge	11	4	3	4	-1	15
Stickland Utd	12	2	6	4	-7	12
Maiden N&C	10	3	2	5	-21	11
Belvedere Inn	7	3	1	3	3	10
Sturminster Res	9	2	1	6	-10	7
Bere Regis Res	8	1	3	4	-11	6
Owermoigne	13	1	2	10	-31	5

Division Four	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Broadstone FC	11	8	2	1	34	26
Puddletown	11	7	2	2	16	23
Mere Town Res	11	7	1	3	20	22
AFC Blandford	9	5	3	1	13	18
Portland Town	10	5	3	2	7	18
Bishops Caun	12	5	2	5	6	17
Cranborne Res	13	5	2	6	-12	17
UFC Poundbur	10	2	5	3	-8	11
Littlemoor	10	2	1	7	-15	7
Weym'th Spar	11	2	1	8	-28	7
Corfe Mullen	12	1	0	11	-33	3

Division Five	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Pimperne	10	10	0	0	48	30
Swanage Town	7	6	1	0	32	19
Wellworthys	10	6	1	3	19	19
Kangeroos Res	10	5	1	4	9	16
Marnhull	12	4	2	6	-11	14
Portland Town	13	4	2	7	-18	14
Broadstone	12	4	1	7	-9	13
Lytchett RT	11	4	1	6	-12	13
Milborne Res	9	3	2	4	3	11
Handley Res	11	2	2	7	-36	8
Maiden N&C	9	2	1	6	-25	7

SCRUM DOWN - rugby round-up With Will Mowbray

Shock defeat for lacklustre Dorchester

Dorchester 17 Walcot 22

DORCHESTER can only have themselves to blame after throwing away a winning position and allowing Walcot to record a surprise win on Saturday.

Although they arrived late it was the visitors who made the brighter start, they took the lead with a penalty and also missed a couple other kickable chances before Dorchester finally got into the game.

Camped on the Walcot line the hosts turned down a succession of simple penalty kicks in going for the try, but time after time their play was not precise enough and Walcot managed to prevent the score. Twice Dorchester players were held up over the line and even when Walcot were reduced to 13 men in the last moments of the half Dorchester still failed to cross the line.

At the risk of repeating myself Dorchester generally play better in the second-half and it appeared that this was to be the case again.

Dorchester were awarded a penalty in the opening moments of the half, Carl Mitchell took the kick quickly, brushed off several tacklers and handed on the Steve Tucker who crossed in the left hand corner. Minutes later it was Matt Read who showed some pace to touchdown in the same corner. This time Baker added the conversion and the home side were looking comfortable.

Walcot were now back to full strength but it made little difference as Read again squeezed over, this time in the right hand corner. Dorchester were now looking for the bonus point try but when a move broke down in midfield a Walcot boot sent the ball deep into home territory and the visitors won the foot race to score at the corner flag.

If anybody thought that this was merely consolation Walcot had other ideas. Two tries in five minutes, both from their own half and due in part to woeful Dorchester tackling, gave them a shock five point lead with ten minutes to play.

Dorchester spent those ten minutes camped on the visitors' line but Walcot were not to be denied and held firm despite loosing yet another player to the bin.

Next week Dorchester visit league leaders Devizes and will need to show a marked improvement if they are to come away with any kind of a result.

Highwood Man of the Match: - Adam Makepeace

Team: Bonner (Cottell 35), Chalker, Warren, Makepeace, C Mitchell, Miners, Tucker (Newsam 50), Sergison; D Gower, Weller; Clark, Newton, Baker, Paton (Spensley 50); Read.

Ellingham & Ringwood II 43 Dorchester Seconds 34

AN ELEVEN-TRY thriller, which the county team could and should have won despite trailing by 18 points mid way through the 2nd half. It was three decisions by the referee that enabled the home side to accumulate 21 points despite two obvious knock-ons and overruling the home touch judge about a foot in touch with converted tries resulting in the following play.

That said Dorchester were guilty of falling off too many tackles and allowing the home side to play a very effective offloading game. After an even first 15 minutes the home side ran the ball from deep in their own half and with Dorchester's defence missing scored a try of good quality.

Minutes later an almost identical move saw the home side double their advantage. The visitors got back with a Harry Smith penalty, only to allow the home side to touch down again after a period of pressure.

The final minutes of the half saw the visitors rally and from a scrum the ball was passed wide and with threw forwards in support a platform was set from which Matt Fry fought his way over, the extras added by Dan Cree.

Some tactical moves at half-time saw Harry Smith move to scrum-half and John Bowden moving to the back row, this gave Dorchester more balance to their side and there was certainly more urgency to their play.

Ian Dixon was outstanding in the second-half and led to him being named man of the match. Despite conceding a try against the run of play the visitors started the comeback led by Dixon in rampaging form.

First 2nd row Laurence Burch drove over before Rich Deakin got the first of his two tries converted by Dan Cree, these were separated by a penalty from the home side making it 31-22.

Again the visitors allowed their line to be breached before Harry Smith made a sniping run to cut the deficit with Cree adding the conversion. Then, with the home side on the attack, the winger clearly put a foot in touch, which was flagged, and with even the home players alerting the referee he awarded the subsequent touchdown.

Dorchester had the final say though with a concerted effort in the last 10 minutes that saw Deakin grabbing his second score. Unfortunately the kick drifted wide and with it the hope of an losing bonus point to go with the try bonus already secured.

This game saw a welcome return to the game of Jamie Morgan and also the debut for teenage back rower Henry Dale who gave a good account of himself.

Highwood Man of the Match: Ian Dixon

RESULTS - Saturday, 26th January

Southern Counties South
Dorchester 17 - 22 Walcot
Supermarine p - p Weymouth

Dorset & Wilts 2 South
Ellingham & Ringwood II 43 - 34 Dorchester II

Dorset & Wilts 4
Weymouth III 8 - 13 Blandford II

FIXTURES - Saturday, 2nd February

Southern Counties South
Devizes vs Dorchester
Wimborne vs Weymouth

Dorset & Wilts 2 South
Dorchester II vs East Dorset
Ellingham & Ringwood II vs Weymouth II

Dorset & Wilts 4
North Dorset IV vs Weymouth III

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MAGPIES AND TERRAS REPORTS

Pitch prevents Magpies and Hawks taking off

Dorchester Town 0 Havant & Waterlooville 0
Blue Square South – Att: 455

BOTH Dorchester Town and Havant & Waterlooville deserve praise for an entertaining game played in extremely difficult circumstances at The Avenue on Saturday.

The pitch resembled a ploughed field at the end of this Blue Square South encounter that despite lacking goals was full of energy and enthusiasm.

Despite heavy overnight rain the pitch was declared fit after an early morning inspection, but had cut up badly before the match began as a result of the warm up.

Magpies' manager Phil Simkin was forced into a late change when Jamie Gleeson cried off through sickness and so called up Dan Way for his Conference debut on the left side of midfield, whilst Harrison Bell made a rare appearance at full-back due to Jake Smeeton's one game ban for being sent off against Bromley. Charlie Clough continued his emergency role, playing just behind striker Ben Watson.

Neither side could really afford to lose this match. Despite Dorchester having up to seven games in hand on some of the other teams, and Havant & Waterlooville, now with former Cherries boss Lee Bradbury in charge and expected to storm up the league, both sides needed the points.

Both grappled with a tricky surface from the start but it was the Hawks that had the first chance of the game in the ninth minute. Chris Arthur's corner found new loan signing Alex Grant free eight yards from goal, and although he failed to make a clean connection, his volley look goal bound until it hit own striker Ollie Palmer and was deflected away from the target.

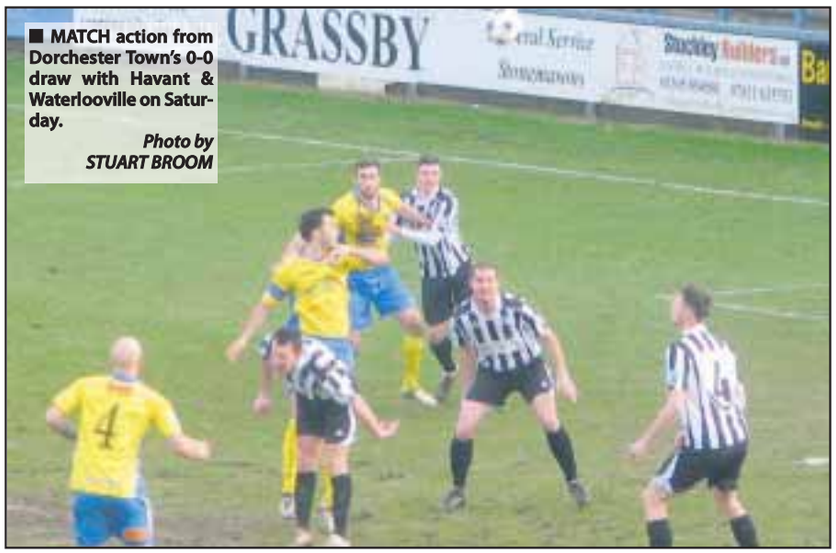
Arthur was then prevented from turning in Palmer's cross at the far post by an important interception by Bell at the expense of a corner, before another on-loan player Jesse Kewley- Graham fired his 25-yard shot straight into Alan-Walker's midriff.

Dorchester finally got into their rhythm and midway through the half Neil Martin, who had an excellent game, crossed to Watson who laid the ball into Mark Jermyn's path, but unfortunately the skipper's shot took a deflection off a defender and went for a corner.

Dan Strugnall became the first name in referee John O'Brien's book for going through the back of Clough, and from the resultant free-kick the towering Aaron Pugh headed Martin's free-kick just wide of the far post.

Mr O'Brien, another who had a fine game, booked Christian Nanetti soon after, but it was never a dirty game.

The Hawks had a big let off on the half hour when Ashley Nicholls, still managing to produce some class passes despite the conditions, played in Watson. However Hawks keeper Clark Masters saw the danger and was quickly out to the angle of his area to meet the striker. The ball deflected to Jermyn whose shot was blocked by Edward Harris before Way's low strike was booted clear by a defender.



■ MATCH action from Dorchester Town's 0-0 draw with Havant & Waterlooville on Saturday.
Photo by STUART BROOM

At the other end Bell did a good job in forcing the speedy Arthur away from goal after Nanetti had played an inch perfect pass inside the full-back.

Both sides were continuing to take the game to the other, and after Nicholls had fired a 30-yard shot just over the angle of the goal frame, Pugh almost played his side into trouble when he failed to see Arthur behind him as he looked to play the ball back. Fortunately, the Hawk after battling his way to the edge of the area slipped on the tricky surface at the crucial time and the chance was gone.

Clough then broke down the left from Watson's pass but Grant cleared his low cross for a corner. Way, who certainly made an impression on his debut, needed treatment for a shoulder injury following a collision with Jake Newton, but was soon in the action again firing in a shot that deflected off a defender.

The ball looped in the air but the inrushing Nick Crittenden on the stretch couldn't control it and it looped over the bar.

Dorchester who were having a good spell then almost took the lead on the stroke of halftime. Crittenden's inswinging corner looked to be going out of play beyond the far post, but Nathan Walker brilliantly hooked it back across goal where Nicholls' header had Masters reaching to keep it out.

Walker then blotted his copybook when he was booked in added time for a foul.

Bradbury sent on Sahr Kabba at the start of the second half in place of Perry Ryan, and his speed and movement soon troubled the home defence, and after twisting and turning his way inside the box to make room following a Grant cross, it was only a terrific block from Pugh that stopped the Hawks taking the lead.

Two minutes later Way volleyed just wide from 16 yards as Dorchester responded. Martin became the fourth name in the referee's book for a foul on Grant as players struggled to find their feet.

Sam Malsom, who had not fully shaken off a hamstring injury, replaced Way just after the hour, with Steve Ramsey, who scored four in the corresponding game last season replacing Arthur for the Hawks.

Midway through the half Nanetti turned inside Walker but fired his angled shot over the bar, but despite everyone's efforts it looked a nailed on stalemate.

Malsom's speed worried the visitors' defence, and after picking up the ball 40 yards from goal he raced to the edge of the box before firing in a low left foot shot that grazed the far post.

Watson could and maybe should have won all three points ten minutes from time after a superb incisive raid down the left between Nicholls and Malsom that cut the Hawks defence open, but the inrushing Watson on the stretch could only toe-poke Malsom's cross at Masters from close range.

Clough became the final player to receive a yellow card for a foul on Harris, whilst Malsom's well hit 35-yard drive was straight at the keeper.

Kabba who had earlier missed an opportunity by being too selfish had a chance in added time to perhaps snatch victory for the visitors, but again was far too greedy and instead of laying the ball off to Palmer, tried to go it alone without success.

Although Dorchester had slightly the better of the chances, they will have been happy with a point and a clean sheet against a full-time side with big aspirations.

Clarets too strong for Magpies

Chelmsford City 4 Dorchester Town 0
Blue Square South – att: 565

DORCHESTER Town manager Phil Simkin held his hands up after watching his side lose 4-0 at Melbourne Park on Monday night and admitted his side were second best.

The Magpies failed to cope with gale force winds and driving rain that made conditions very difficult

"The conditions were horrendous, but to be fair they were better than us. They have just signed another striker who scored one of the goals, and we just can't compete with sides like that with the money they have."

Simkin was disappointed that after producing a superb defensive display against Havant & Waterlooville on Saturday where they dominated one of the most potent attacks in the league they failed to do the same, conceding a goal in the first minute.

"We didn't defend properly again and we got what we deserved I'm afraid. The sad thing is we passed the ball quite well and had chances, but didn't take them; at one point in the second half it could have been 3-3."

Anthony Cook gave Chelmsford the early lead before goals from former Arsenal player Omer Riza, signed from Boreham Wood just hours earlier, with a peach of a shot, and Kyle Vassell soon after following a poor back pass, saw the Magpies three down at the break.

Dorchester improved after the interval and had chances to reduce the deficit, but conceded again on 75 minutes when Justin Miller headed home.

One bright spot was the performance of Harry Bell who followed up a good game on Saturday with another solid game.

"He really did well; he doesn't panic, does his job and doesn't get involved with things."

Chiropractor helps champ

CHAMPION cyclist has turned to a Weymouth health expert in a bid to mend a career-threatening injury.

World Cup downhill mountain biker, Alex Bond had pins inserted in his foot after dislocating following a horrific crash, and his recovery is being aided by chiropractor Sarah Carter from the Hanson Chiropractic Centre on the Granby Industrial Estate.

Dr Carter, herself an accomplished mountain biker, has forged an enviable reputation for guiding cyclists back to full fitness.

She explained: "Al is a professional rider and so any injury is a threat to his career and livelihood.

"If he can't ride he can't earn a living and so that's why it is so important for him to make a complete and successful recovery.

"He crashed doing a back flip on a dirt bike and suffered a nasty Lisfranc dislocation of his foot which has since been pinned with K pins.

"My role has been to advice and assist in a number of ways including nutrition, rehabilitation and long term bike fitness. People think chiropractic is just about bad backs but it's far more than that and encompasses the whole wellbeing of the body.

"Many of the world's leading sports people use it as part of their daily routine; stars such as Tour de France winner, Bradley Wiggins; and it is proving essential to Al too.

Dorset-born Bond, who competes in the Halo British Downhill Series, the 2012 UCI Mountain Bike Downhill World Cup and the prestigious Maxxis Cup, praised Dr Carter for her work.

"Her help and advice is crucial", he explained. "And what makes it so much better is that she is a mountain biker herself and understands how a cyclist's body works.

"Injuries, especially serious ones like this, are frustrating and worrying because it's your career on the line and having the very best support possible is critical."

■ Alex Bond

Harrison unable to stop free flowing Cerne

WEEK 14 of the West Dorset Indoor League at The Osprey Leisure Centre produced another fine game as Cerne Valley under 14's edged a thrilling encounter against Portland.

Under 14s
Cerne Valley 143-3 beat Portland 109-5 by 44 runs

ASKED to bat first, Cerne lost a wicket to an athletic catch by Owen Harrison off the bowling of Joe Adkins three balls into their innings as Portland applied early pressure with some excellent work in the field.

Williams (12) and Tao White (22) played some excellent shots in a stand of 45 in four overs as Cerne looked to build a competitive total.

Another fine catch accounted for Williams and White was run out by a direct hit as the game ebbed and flowed this way and that. P Taylor (26no) and Gray (20no) moved the total along with excellent running between the wickets and fine shot selection, and with 35 runs coming from the final over posted 143-3.

Portland's reply failed to spark into life, as poor running between the wickets left them floundering on 25-3 after just three overs as a result of three run outs.

Portland looked to rebuild and a steady stand of between T Hinde (6) and Harrison (35no) kept the run rate ticking over.

With the dismissal of Hinde to another run out, Portland's cause looked lost.

However with William Cotter (9) giving Harrison excellent support Portland fought hard, but never got on top of the accurate bowling and fielding of a well drilled Cerne side, and fell 44 runs short despite the mature and patient innings of Portland Man-of-the-Match Harrison.

Dorchester & District Snooker League

RESULTS: *WDC Whipping Boys 2 Colliton Hopefuls 4, Colliton Club B 5 Trinity M 4, Trinity Gooduns 3 Trinity Express 4, Trinity M 4 Colliton Club B 4.*
30+ breaks: *N.Joslin 32.*
Top Break of the Season: *Graham Bartlett (West Dorset Club A) 49.*

Table (after week 12)	Pld	W	D	L	N/R	Pts
West Dorset Club C	13	9	1	3	0	64
West Dorset Club A	12	7	0	5	0	53
Trinity M	13	6	2	5	0	52
Trinity Gooduns	13	5	1	7	0	50
Trinity Express	14	7	1	6	0	50
Colliton Cons	12	8	0	4	0	48
Colliton Club B	13	7	1	5	0	46
Purbeck Potters	12	5	0	7	0	45
Colliton XQ2012	13	6	0	7	0	41
Colliton Hopefuls	13	5	0	8	0	41
WDC Whipping Boys	14	3	0	11	0	32

Team Open Knockout Cup
Semi-finals: *Purbeck Potters v Colliton Cons (at Trinity Club - February 4th) winners to play West Dorset Club C on February 18th at Trinity Club.*

Team Open Handicap Cup
Semi-finals: *Colliton Cons 0 West Dorset Club C 4, Trinity Express v Trinity M (at Trinity Club, January 28th).Final to be played at Colliton Club on March 7th.*

Billiards League Season
In the hope of attracting more entries, the closing date for entries for the forthcoming billiards season has been extended until Saturday, February 9th.

Weymouth Pool

Weds Div 1	Pld	Pts
Finns A	7	88
New Inn A	7	76
Southill A	6	69
Muppet Mashers	6	67
Weatherbury	7	66
Sailors Return	7	60
Admiral Hardy B	7	57
Lounge Bar A	7	52

Weds Div 2	Pld	Pts
Railway Tavern B	6	79
Snookes Spa	6	69
Railway D'Boys	6	63
George A	5	54
Railway Tavern A	6	53
Snookes Harts	5	26
Old Castle	4	26

Weds Div 3	Pld	Pts
Finns A	7	88
New Inn B	6	73
Spiceship	6	72
Southill B	6	69
Finns Why's	6	69
Rodwell	6	66
Finns KOE	6	52
Railway Tavern C	6	19

Weds Div 4	Pld	Pts
Workies	7	105
Duke of Albany	7	101
Somerset	6	77
Admiral Hardy A	6	65
John Gregory	7	62
Lounge Bar B	7	61
Prince of Wales	7	44
Wellington	7	25

Sunday Div 1	Pld	Pts
Rafas Red Arrows	6	76
Snookes Cowboys	6	68
Lucky Losers	5	55
New INn A	5	53
Lounge Bar	5	50
Sailors Return	5	40
Finns X	4	18

Sunday Div 2	Pld	Pts
Snookes Shufflers	7	97
Finns B	7	84
Belvedere Bones	7	78
Duke of Albany	7	66
Finns C	7	61
Snookes Ball Stars	7	58
New Inn B	6	57
Waterloo	6	34

Weymouth Town Crib league

	Pld	Pts
Railway A	15	18
Railway B	15	18
Wellington	15	18
Wyke Smugglers F	15	17
Chapelhay	15	17
Albert	15	17
Lugger	15	17
Victoria	15	15
Rodwell A	15	15
Swan	15	15
Rodwell C	15	15
Weatherbury	15	14
Wyke Smugglers J	15	12
Black Dog	15	12
Somerset	15	11
Star	15	10

WEYMOUTH PREMIER DARTS

	Pld	Pts (F)	Pts (A)	+/-	180s
The Yars Yars	11	239	95	144	23
Portland United	11	233	100	133	31
Southill A	11	218	111	107	13
Railway Tavern	11	215	139	76	25
Weatherbury	11	187	158	29	9
Villians	11	185	161	24	17
Paicers Assasins	11	183	166	17	5
Railway Too	11	159	189	-30	7
Spit Roast Arrows	11	117	225	-108	2
Dollies	11	110	214	-104	5
Sisters of Mercy	11	102	223	-121	4
Main Road Tornados	11	79	246	-167	1

Weymouth Hockey

Result: New Milton 5 Weymouth 4

Hampshire Div 2	P	+/-	Pts
Trojans II	13	29	30
New Milton	13	6	30
Gosport	12	26	26
WEYMOUTH	13	10	20
Havant IV	13	8	20
Southampton II	13	7	19
Basingstoke II	13	3	18
Winchester III	13	-7	12
Fareham IV	13	-12	12
Soton Uni III	13	-27	11
Portsmth & S'Sea	12	-22	10
Tadley	13	-21	6

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In-form Terras win Evo-Stick award

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WEYMOUTH Football Club have picked up the Evo-Stik Southern Premier League "Team of the Month" award for December after winning all six on their of their matches during the month.

A delighted club chairman Nigel Biddlecombe in announcing the decision said: "The award is decided with reference to the points per game won by teams in the month concerned.

"It reflects the superb efforts of the management and players in winning all six of the games played in the month."

The victories saw the Terras move 11 places up the league from a lowly 16th to 5th, and a play-off position.

As well as a trophy, the club will receive £100 worth of Pro-Star vouchers.

Roberts heads Sportsman Dinner guest list

FORMER Terra Graham Roberts heads a list of ex-Weymouth players who will be attending the latest Sportsman's Dinner to be held in April.

Billed as "The Return of the Legends", the Spurs and England defender/midfielder is the guest speaker at the event to be held at the Riviera Hotel, Bowleaze Cove at which 20 other former Weymouth stars will host a table each.

These include; Shaun Teale, David Laws, Ian Hutchinson, John Waldock, Alex Browne, Matt Bound, Andy Harris, Stuart Morgan, Lee Phillips, Peter Conning, Tony Pounder, Mark Robinson, Matthew McGowan, Gary Borthwick, Stuart McGowan, Tony Hobson, Brian Lawrence, Gerry Pearson, David Linney and many more including hopefully former sprinter Darren Campbell, MBE who played for Weymouth before returning to athletics where he won Olympic Gold

Devon comedian Tank Sherman will entertaining guests on the evening in addition to Roberts.

Weymouth Football Club Commercial Department & Supporters Association members Glenn Taylor, Iain Stone and Ade McDonald were thrilled to confirm Roberts as guest speaker and the legends to be attending the evening.

"We're delighted that Graham will be attending and speaking at Sportsman's Dinner which will take place on the Friday, April 19th at the newly refurbished Riviera Hotel, who is also our main shirt sponsor for the season."

Taylor confirmed that tickets were selling fast despite the event only having just been announced, and advised fans and supporters to book early to avoid disappointment as tickets were being snapped up quickly.

Prices are just £45 for individual places, or £40 for group booking of six or more. These prices include a three course dinner with coffee or tea to follow.

For further information or to book, please contact Weymouth Football Club Commercial Department / WFCSA on 07968 738236 or 07919 168625 or email commercial@theterras.co.uk.

The Riviera Hotel has agreed to do special rates for any guests attending the evening should they wish to stay overnight.

■ GUEST SPEAKER: Graham Roberts who made six appearances for England

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